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London, April 15, 1875 — The municipal regulations of London are so "down" on mendicity, and so many arrangements are made through the medium of work houses, alms-houses, etc., to render an existence supported by begging so much more uneudurable than one maintained by honest labor, that a beggar, pure et simple, is a rarety on the streets of this great city. Almost every one of the poorer classes seem engaged in some employment, chiefly mercantile in its nature, by means of which he or she ekes out a narrow subsistence. Indeed, begging and the reception of anearned money is so objectionable to the English mind that the fees, vails and perquisites showered upon servants and waiters here are not regarded by the recipients as gifts, but as pay, and poor report, 568 petitions on this subject pay at that, for value received. It re-lying before the Parliamentary Commituires small capital to set up one of these street merchants, but immense foresee that they will get all they ask for energy is required, as the competition is before long. Patience, concentration energy is required, as the competition is enormous; for instance, in one branch and determination never yet failed to of street traffic, that of cigar lighters, work a way through the British Parliathe zealous, peripatetic traders stumble over each other in their desire to supply

unwilling customers and to effect sales. It is a nuisance which I suppose the native Londoner does not mind, but it is far different with the stranger. I for one cannot get used to it. I have been here a half a year and still fear a match seller as much as ever. "Lights, 'ere's yer 'gar lights," resounds on all sides. I counted twenty seven of these peripatric merchants in a ten minutes' walk yes-Thortest and Quickest to all Eastern Cities.

terday. The little boy, the aged man, the lame, the halt, the blind and the lazy, all take to the trade with eager exceptions. a manner of vending the two penny 'orth of fuses which is both peculiar and vexations. From the old woman, who, vexatious. From the old woman, who, shivering in rags on the street corner, begs you for the love of God, please to take a box, to the black-eyed little youngster who will follow you all over town with the hope of selling there is included every shade and variety of mendicity. You cannot get rid of them They arise before you do in the morning and attend you passingly was arrived. ing, and attend you patiently, even until the theater performance is over at mid-night. Their language is neither sweet nor grammatically correct. "Boy yer lights," and "'gor fusees," with expressions stranger still, are the favor-ites. I dodge when I see them, but one cannot be always on the lookout. One pushes his way through the fog, with the head turned against the cold, easterly wind, and feels miserably enough, but before he is aware a gigantic figure looms up in front and the racking cry is shouted into his ear with the sudden-ness of Gabriel's trumpet. Pen cannot picture the misery of such a moment. You insist that you want no lights, or

pleasure of making a noise.

It is the same as regards the bootblacks. Having your boots blacked to distraction is no safeguard. Each boy is convinced that the thing is not well done until he does it himself, so "shine yer boots" will be addressed to you at every corner. I find the newsboys to be every corner. I find the newsboys to be milder in their ways than the members of the two above named classes; still even they have little compassion. The climax is attained, however, when one but all honest citizens with us. We do the compassion that it is not only we who govern, but all honest citizens with us. We do the compassion the characters of the compassion of the characters.

ation of spirit in very truth. It you do not want a paper (and in selling he will run over the names of all he has at the to which we have consecrated our top of his voice) he will black your minds and still more our hearts. From top of his voice) he will black your boots. If that fails, he sends after your

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manners than the boys, I should not be surprised if they gathered the better

harvest.
Speaking of this recalls me to some thing that greatly surprised me when I first learnt it. I had always been under the impression that my own country was the favorite abode of projects for female emancipation, but England can easily defeat the claim. It is an active and aggressive warfare here, and the standard is carried by those of the highest ranks in society. All maiden ladies seem to have their shoulders to the wheel and push vigorously, at the same time exacting oaths and promises from their fathers and brothers to help on the cause. Every day we read in the papers of monster meetings held in favor of the movement all over the kingdom, and petitions are daily being presented to Par-liament on the subject. They want to be admitted to everything, and are long-ingly desirous of being allowed to plead and to sail ships. There are eight of them at this moment standing as caudi-dates for the guardianship of St. Pan-creas parish. Now, a guardian is a sort of conglomeration of sheriff and beadle, so I think these gentle females will make but sorry work of their duties if elected. There are now, according to the latest

ment. Foreigners in Congress.

Washington letter to the Inter-Ocean.] There are fifteen foreigners in Congress. In the Senate Carl Schurz, of Missouri, is a native of Cologne, Ger-many, and is the only one of the fifteen who has any trace of foreign accent. It is paradoxical to hear this man apostrophizing America as his country, in words where the "th" sound thickens to a "d," and the "r" is almost lost. But the Senator's language is excellent. Whether his speech be prepared or exte upore, he speaks very fluently, and with an appreciation of the delicate idiomatic distinctions of our tongue that refutes Hammerton's maxim of its being impossible for a person to know two languages perfectly. German is Mr. Schurz's domestic tongue, and English his public. So he must be ex-cepted from that discouraging rule. The other loreigner in the Senate is Jones, a Welchman by birth, and as he is worth \$7,000,000, he very appropriately hails from Gold Hill, Nevada. In the House the United Kingdom is well rep-

You insist that you want no lights, or you pretend that you do not hear, and that all your accessors were afflicted with deafness, but it is a hare-faced deception. You do hear and you will never forget it. I met a friend on the street the other day with a box of lights hauging by a string from his button-hole. I asked him how it worked, and was told that it was not much of a success, as he there following ometal proclamation. "Fellow-citizens: To-day we assume, for the fifth time, the supreme magistracy of the Republic, with a palpitating heart, but with a ready will. On one side we perceive a few wounds incurred; but on the other, love of country most warm and energetic. To us incumbs the grave charge of curing those and of guiding that it was not much of a success, as he that it was not much of a success, as he this so that it may not miscarry. Hence believed that the beggars did not care we are resolved firmly to exact from all so much for quick profits as for the the employes of the State the faithful pleasure of making a noise. boy unites in his person the character-inot expect our acts to give universal istics of all these trades—then it is vex-satisfaction, but we will do our best that 110-f

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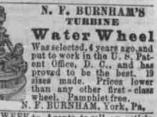
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